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NOLA Free School Network

Opening Day of Classes!

MARCH 13TH 12 NOON

1614 Esplanade Avenue

SWEET STREET SYMPHONY

REALITY FROM NOTHING BUT FIRE

FLOPPY GALLOPY

THE IRON RAIL

BOOKS 2 PRISONERS

COMMUNITY RECORDS

ABOVEGROUND

FOOD FUN MUSIC BOOKS CLOTHES FOR FREE

THE RAGING PELICAN CCAA

NOLA FOOD NOT BOMBS

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NOLA FREE SCHOOL NETWORK

CHILDCARE COLLECTIVE

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presented by:

Crescent City Anti-Authoritarians

and NOLA ART HOUSE

CRESCENTCITYRESIST@ROCKETMAIL.COM

NEW ORLEANS FREE SCHOOL

MARCH

SUNDAY

1 ANARCHY 101:
INTRO TO @THOUGHT
AND PRACTICE/
7:30-1:30 PM @
7725 CORIN ST.



MONDAY

11 COMPUTER,
RESUME, AND
INTERNET SKILLS
7-9 PM @ LOWER
9TH WARD VILLAGE
INTRO TO BICYCLE
MECHANICS/7-8:30 PM
@ PLAN B

TUESDAY

5 SUZUKI
VIOLIN PRACTICE
GROUP/MIDNIGHT
@ MARDI GRAS
ZONE

WEDNESDAY

11 COMPUTER,
RESUME, AND
INTERNET SKILLS
7-9 PM @ LOWER
9TH WARD VILLAGE
DRAWING
CLASS/4-7 @
HAS BEEN -
WILBE'S

THURSDAY

17 MEN AND
FEMINISM/
5 PM @
SYCAMORE
HOUSE
CPALMYRA ST.
MID CITY)

FRIDAY

18 COMPUTER,
RESUME, AND
INTERNET SKILLS
7-9 PM @ LOWER
9TH WARD VILLAGE

SATURDAY

20 BEGINNER +
INTERMEDIATE
KNOT TYING/10-12 PM
@ 2420 COLUMBUS
MID-CITY
HUMAN SEXUALITY
15-7 PM

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21 CREATIVE
WRITING/6-8 PM

COMPUTER, RESUME,
AND INTERNET SKILLS
7-9 PM @ LOWER
9TH WARD VILLAGE
INTRO TO BICYCLE
MECHANICS/7-8:30 PM
@ PLAN B

22 SUZUKI
VIOLIN PRACTICE
GROUP/MIDNIGHT @
MARDI GRAS
ZONE

23 COMPUTER,
RESUME, AND
INTERNET SKILLS
7-9 PM @ LOWER
9TH WARD VILLAGE

24 MEN AND
FEMINISM/5 PM @
SYCAMORE
HOUSE -
- Farming a City



25 COMPUTER,
RESUME, AND
INTERNET SKILLS
7-9 PM @ LOWER
9TH WARD VILLAGE

26 WORM
COMPOSTING
EXTRAVAGANZA
7-9 PM @ HOLLY
GROVE FARMING
A CITY PERMA-
CULTURE INTENSIVE
6/6-8 PM

27 ANARCHY 101:
INTRO TO @THOUGHT
AND PRACTICE/7:30-
9:30 PM @ 7725 CORIN
ST.

BEGINNER + INTERMEDIATE
KNOT TYING/10-12 PM @ 2420
COLUMBUS MID-CITY
HUMAN SEXUALITY
15-7 PM @ GRST
CENTER

28 CREATIVE
WRITING/6-8 PM

COMPUTER, RESUME,
AND INTERNET
SKILLS/7-9 PM @
LOWER 9TH WARD
VILLAGE INTRO
TO BICYCLE
MECHANICS/7-8:30 PM

29 SUZUKI
VIOLIN PRACTICE
GROUP/MIDNIGHT
@ MARDI GRAS
ZONE

30 COMPUTER,
RESUME, AND
INTERNET SKILLS
7-9 PM @ LOWER
9TH WARD VILLAGE

31 MEN AND
FEMINISM/5 PM @
SYCAMORE
HOUSE

1 COMPUTER,
RESUME, AND
INTERNET SKILLS
7-9 PM @ LOWER
9TH WARD VILLAGE

2 WORM
COMPOSTING
EXTRAVAGANZA
7-9 PM @ GRIS
GRIS LAB
FARMING A CITY
PERMACULTURE
INTENSIVE/2-2
PM

3 ANARCHY 101:
INTRO TO @THOUGHT
AND PRACTICE/7:30-
9:30 PM @ 7725
CORIN ST.

HUMAN SEXUALITY
15-7 PM @ GRST
CENTER

APRIL

NEW ORLEANS FREE SCHOOL NETWORK

— fall 2011 class schedule —



Sunday

4 PM:

Contemporary
Feminist
Literature

Oct. 23, 30
Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27
Dec. 4, 11, 18

Dupre St.
Mid-City;
contact teacher
for location
Contact: Gina
gina.pea@
gmail.com

5-7 PM:

Weekly Free
School Network
Organizing
Meeting!!

7th Ward
Community Center

Monday

no
scheduled
classes

to propose
a class for
future
terms,
visit our
website &
fill out a
class
proposal
form!!



Tuesday

7-8 PM:

Nutrition 101

Oct. 25
Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Dec. 6

Chemistry
Study Lounge
101 @ UNO

Contact:
Bethany
bajones1@uno.edu

Wednesday

6³⁰ - 9 PM:

Adult Rope
Bondage

Oct. 26,
Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30
Dec. 7, 14

@ a warehouse
in The Marigny,
meet @ Flora's
Cafe at the
table w/ rope-6 PM

Contact: Tyrus
985.796.ROPE
(7673)

Thursday

7-8 PM:

Nutrition 101

Oct. 27
Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24
Dec. 1, 8

Chemistry
Study Lounge
101 @ UNO

Contact: Bethany
bajones1@uno.edu

8 PM:

Radical Mental
Health Discussion
Group

Oct. 27
Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24
Dec. 1, 8

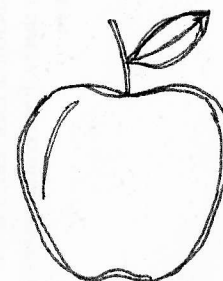
2030 Dumaine St.

Contact: Kate
mr.kate.smash@
gmail.com

Friday

no
scheduled
classes

See
reverse
side of
calendar
for full
class
descript-
ions!!



Saturday

3-4³⁰ PM:

Human
Sexuality 1

Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26
Dec. 3, 10

LGBT Community
Center of NOLA
2114 Decatur

Contact: Katie
k.mcauley@gmail.
com

3-4³⁰ PM:

The World
in Knots

Oct. 29
Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26
Dec. 3, 10

2420 Columbus
St.

Contact: Brett
me.metamorpho
sized@
gmail.com

we are all
teachers.
we are all
students.

NOLA Free School Network Class Descriptions for October-December Session

Contemporary Feminist Literature

Sundays Oct 23, 30. Nov 6, 13, 20, 27. Dec 4, 11, 18 at 4pm.

Dupre St in Mid-City; contact teacher for location

Through the late Spring and Summer, Ladies Night made its way through Quiet Rumors. Printed in the 1980's, it is a fantastic collection of Feminist histories and early Radical Feminist theory. For the Fall Semester, we'll be focusing on more recent writings and ideas. We're compiling a Contemporary Radical Feminist Reader from contributions of prose, poetry, theory, fiction, and just-about-anything written since 1980 submitted by each of our ladies and discussing them. Ladies' Night is a gender exclusive space created to allow lady-like members of the New Orleans radical community to meet, greet, and grow. Anyone who feels like a lady is welcome to come and go as they please. BYOB, POTLUCK, & KID-FRIENDLY.

Contact: Gina at gina.pea@gmail.com

Nutrition 101

Tuesdays & Thursdays October 25, 27. Nov 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29. Dec 1, 6, 8 at 7-8pm.

Chemistry Study Lounge 101 at UNO

This class aims to familiarize students with the basics of nutrition. In this course we'll be discussing macro and micronutrients (carbs, proteins, fats, water, vitamins, and minerals), safe weight loss, proper exercise, popular diet trends, and how to incorporate the information in day-to-day life.

Contact: Bethany at bajones1@uno.edu

Adult Rope Bondage

Wednesdays October 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec 7, 14 at 6:30-9pm.

Warehouse in the Marigny. Meet at Flora's Cafe at the table with rope at 6pm.

Anyone over 18 is welcome to come and all classes are open to all levels. Learn safety skills, basic bondage, Japanese ties, asymmetric binding, and incorporating other fun materials into your play time. The first 30 minutes are review and introduction for new students (warmup and practice time for everyone else). Please bring rope if you have some. A blanket and/or mat.

Contact: Tyrus at 985-796-ROPE (7673)

Radical Mental Health Discussion Group

Thursdays Oct 27. Nov 3, 10, 17, 24. Dec 1, 8 at 8pm.

2030 Dumaine St

A discussion group focusing on radical ideas of mental health, both theory and practice. How does the psychiatric system abuse and control those who are differently abled or do not fit into the model of 'normalcy'? How does that tie into the capitalist system as a whole? How can we better take care of our bodies, minds and communities in order to promote mental health? This class will primarily follow Icarus Project philosophy and materials, as well as encourage everyone's own thoughts and ideas around this under addressed yet important and fascinating subject.

Contact: Kate at mr.katesmash@gmail.com

Human Sexuality 1

Saturdays Nov 5, 12, 19, 26. Dec 3, 10 at 3-4:30pm.

LGBT Community Center of New Orleans, 2114 Decatur Street

In this free introductory course, intended for adults, we will collectively examine some of the ways that physiological, social, and political dimensions of sexuality impact our lives and our world. In collaboration with the course facilitator, participants will determine the content of each session as it is conducted. Over the duration of the course, participants will learn about issues ranging from anatomy to current queer theory, from contraceptive methods to our thoughts on abstinence, from practical aspects of consensual sex to our understanding of abortion, and much more.

Contact: Katie at k.mcauley@gmail.com

The World in Knots

Saturdays Oct 29. Nov 5, 12, 19, 26. Dec 3, 10 at 3-4:30pm

2420 Columbus St in Mid-city

"To me the simple act of tying a knot is an adventure in unlimited space". (Clifford Ashley)

Explore this quote through the applications knots are put to in a weekly class. This will shift through subjects focusing on the practical functions of knots rather than their form. We will learn how/which knots are used to, and learn ourselves how to: make trellises, climb trees, put in sutures, knit, make hammocks, make nets, macrame, tie loads down, fasten bundles, fish, bond, make snares, and sew. In no particular order and as we get to each section, we will explore the world in knots.

Contact: Brett at me.metamorphosized@gmail.com

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March 2012 Course Descriptions

Intro to Mushroom Cultivation

SUN, MARCH 18, 4PM – 6PM

CONTACT FACILITATOR FOR LOCATION

This class will be an introduction to cultivating edible and medicinal mushrooms both indoors and outside in their natural habitat. We will work specifically with colonized blue oyster mushroom mycelium, and students will be able to take some home with them to cultivate on their own. Beginners and mushroom enthusiasts alike are encouraged to come and share their knowledge. Call in advance to sign up as materials are limited. Contact Tori (225-276-5197) or Chris (253-306-8656).

Intro to Speculative Realism & Object Oriented Ontology

MON, MARCH 5,12, THU 1,8,15 6PM – 8PM

THE IRON RAIL @ 503 BARRACKS ST

We will be exploring the writings of Quentin Meixassoux, Graham Harman, Ray Brassier, and Ian Hamilton Grant, examining the ins and outs of the emergent Speculative Realist "movement" and considering the philosophical consequences of an Object Oriented Ontology. Class will be held twice weekly. Course material will include audio elements, and texts will be selected democratically, as we are on a collective mission of understanding. Do your homework. Please see: speculativerealismneworleans.blogspot.com for updates. Contact in advance is preferred. Contact Kalan (kalan.sherrard@gmail.com) or Estefania (epuerta1@gmail.com).

Natural Drawing Salon

SAT, MARCH 3,10,17,24 11AM – 1PM

MEET AT ZOT'Z (8210 OAK ST) AND WALK FROM THERE

This class is for those interested in biological illustration, nature journaling, and general nature drawing. Students will investigate scientists who made extensive biological illustration. You should be prepared to walk around the P-town neighborhood to explore natural settings for the drawing exercises. Some optional field trips will be scheduled with the group. Bring sketchpad, pencils, drinking water, and protection from the elements. Optional materials include fancy pens, watercolors, etc. Class size will be limited, so contact teacher to sign up beforehand. Contact Amy (permaculturenola@gmail.com).

The Solidarity Economy

WED, MARCH 14, 28 7PM – 8PM

SEMINAR ROOM 4 ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE MONROE

LIBRARY AT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY @ 6363 ST. CHARLES AVE.

The topic of this class will be "The Solidarity Economy." This will encompass critiques of our current economic system and practical solutions to the economic problems we face. The class will include selected readings, group discussions, videos, guest speakers, and plans for action! Contact Jordan (jbantuelle@gmail.com).

The Art of Adult Ropes

TUE, MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27 1PM - 4PM

CONTACT FACILITATOR FOR LOCATION

From the ancient Japanese art of Shibari to the present and diverse world today, we will be exploring how we can use rope for love, lust, and a show, the bondage, the power exchange, the art, and the flow. The first 30 minutes of every group session is for new students to learn the basics, as well as for returning students to warm up and review. The class will include field trips to allow for extra learning and real-life exploration. Practice rope is available, but it is recommended that you bring your own. Come to class to learn about the different types of rope and how to select them. Contact Tyrus @ 816-210-4077.

Anatomy & Massage Technique Skillshare

THU, MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22 7:30PM - 9:30PM

1265 ESPLANADE AVE

Basic technique, anatomy, and theory for giving a great informal massage. Open to everyone, from beginners to practicing therapists. Participants are encouraged to share tips, tricks & wisdom gained from their experience. Class will include safety and hygiene issues and contraindications for giving or receiving bodywork. RSVP recommended! Participants should generally be in good health (no contagious illnesses). Contact Asher (504) 881-0242.

Intro to Harm Reduction

FRI, MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 1PM - 2PM

LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER @ 2114 DECATUR ST.

Harm Reduction is a perspective and a set of practical approaches to reduce the negative consequences of drug use, incorporating a spectrum of strategies from safer use to abstinence. In this course, we will demonstrate some of the principles of Harm Reduction. Contact: Nora & Michelle (nolaharmreduction@gmail.com) or call (504) 535-4766

Special Overdose Prevention Training open to the public on 3/9. There will be pizza!

Reading for Radicals

SAT, MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24 5PM - 6PM

COMMUNITY BOOK CENTER @ 2523 BAYOU RD.

A book club of sorts, Readings for Radicals brings people together to discuss radical theory, ranging from feminism to anti-colonialism to radical education. The "class" is freeform, with different people suggesting readings each week so as to explore a large range of topics. Contact Nate (nwjoseph@gmail.com) to register.

Contemporary Feminist Literature

SUN, MARCH 4,11,18,25 4PM – 6PM

CONTACT FACILITATOR FOR LOCATION

Manarchists got you down? The patriarchy on your back? Ladies'

Night/Contemporary Feminist Literature is a gender-exclusive space created to allow lady-like members of the New Orleans radical community to meet, greet, and grow. Anyone who feels like a lady is welcome to come and go as they please. All activities are free unless noted. *BYOB, POTLUCK, KID-FRIENDLY, and NO BOYS ALLOWED* Contact Gina (954-294-7377).

Human Sexuality

SAT, MARCH 3, 10,17,24,31 3:00PM – 4:30PM

LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER @ 2114 DECATUR ST

In this free introductory course, intended for adults, we will collectively examine some of the ways that physiological, social, and political dimensions of sexuality impact our lives and our world. Learn about issues ranging from anatomy to current queer theory, from contraceptive methods to thoughts on abstinence, from practical aspects of consensual sex to our understanding of abortion, and more. Contact Katie (k.mccauley@gmail.com).

The World in Knots

SUN, MARCH 4,11,18,25 4PM – 5PM

2420 COLUMBUS ST. (BACKYARD)

"To me, the simple act of tying a knot is an adventure in unlimited space." (Clifford Ashley). This class will explore this quote through subjects focusing on the practical functions of knots rather than their form. We will learn how to: make trellises, climb trees, put in sutures, knit, make hammocks, make nets, macrame, tie loads down, fasten bundles, fish, bond, make snares, and sew. Contact Brett (me.metamorphosized@gmail.com).

Community Yoga

WED, MARCH 21, 5:30PM – 6:45PM

DIVINE YOGA @ 1228 OC HALEY BLVD

An all-levels community yoga class taught by Pashupa, a Jivamukti-certified teacher. Contact Pashupa (dgoodwin@mac.com).

**For more FREE and ALMOST-FREE classes,
check out our online calendar at
nolafreeschoolnetwork.blogspot.com**

Want to get involved?

Contact NOFSN!

(504) 484-9814

nolafreeschoolnetwork@gmail.com

*or come to an organizers' meeting Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at
Fairgrinds Coffeehouse (3133 Ponce de Leon).*

New Orleans Free School Network

March 20

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

To find out about even more
FREE & ALMOST-FREE educational
opportunities in New Orleans, visit
NOLAfreeschoolnetwork.blogspot.com !

5	6	7	8
6 pm Speculative Realism & Object Oriented Ontology	1 pm The Art of Adult Ropes	5:30 pm Community Yoga	6 pm Speculative Realism & Object Oriented Ontology 7:30 pm Anatomy & Massage Technique Skillshare
12	13	14	15
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19	20	21	22
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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

2

3 pm Human
Sexuality

5 pm Reading for
Radicals

9

3 pm Human
Sexuality

5 pm Reading for
Radicals

16

3 pm Human
Sexuality

5 pm Reading for
Radicals

23

3 pm Human
Sexuality

5 pm Reading for
Radicals

30

3 pm Human
Sexuality

3

4 pm Contemporary
Feminist Literature

4 pm World in Knots:
Hammocks

10

4 pm Contemporary
Feminist Literature

4 pm World in Knots:
Hammocks & Nets

17

4 pm Contemporary
Feminist Literature

4 pm World in Knots:
Hammocks & Nets

4 pm Intro to
Mushroom Cultivation

24

4 pm Contemporary
Feminist Literature

4 pm World in Knots:
Shepherd's Sling &
Fustibalus

31

4

11

18

25

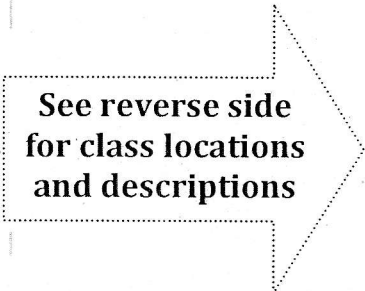
1 pm Intro to Harm
Reduction

1 pm Intro to Harm
Reduction: Overdose
Prevention Training

1 pm Intro to Harm
Reduction

1 pm Intro to Harm
Reduction

1 pm Intro to Harm
Reduction



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July 2012 Course Descriptions

The Art of Adult Ropes **Tuesdays from 1-4pm**

Marigny area, contact teacher for specific location

From the ancient Japanese art of Shibari to the present and diverse world today, we will be exploring how we can use rope for love, lust, and a show, the bondage, the power exchange, the art, and the flow. The first 30 minutes of every group session is for new students to learn the basics, as well as for returning students to warm up and review.

The class will include field trips to allow for extra learning and real-life exploration. NOLA has some great spots for gorilla/flash tying; let's find them. As it gets warmer, we'll pick a picnic rope day in the park.

Practice rope is available, but it is recommended that you bring your own. Come to class to learn about the different types of rope and how to select them.
Contact: Tyrus @ 816-210-4077.

Rad Rad Movie Night **Tuesdays at 8pm**

Mudlark Public Theatre @ 1200 Port St

Weekly political movie screenings plus discussions covering a range of topics such as militant Nigerian resistance to heavily polluting oil industry (Sweet Crude) to the anarchist presence in Spanish Civil War (Living Utopia), coconut fueled indigenous southern pacific resistance to colonizers/industry (Coconut Revolution), the Animal and Earth Liberation Fronts (If a Tree Falls & Bold Native) and possibly others! Contact Sam: tomtomcontact@gmail.com

Freedom to Build **Wednesdays from 6-8pm**

Sycamore House @ 3111 Palmyra (@ Lopez)

A reading/discussion/research group analyzing the power dynamics within the built environment, focusing on the creation, control, and usage of spaces through the past and present. An informal architectural history, concerned with case studies and theory of alternative approaches to shaping spaces people use. Topics may include: housing policy, the vernacular, abandonment, the "green" movement, industrialized building methods, construction techniques,

reconstruction scenarios, public spaces, population shifts/urban renewal, land trusts, professional critiques, troglodytes, and real-world application of ideas. This will be fairly free form, so if you have topics, readings, or films to suggest, feel free to email. You are not required to contact teacher beforehand, but it will help for printing purposes. Contact Jackson: jackson.blalock@gmail.com

The Solidarity Economy **Wednesday 7/25 at 7pm**

Seminar Room 4 on the 2nd floor of the Monroe Library at Loyola University @ 6363 St. Charles Ave.

The topic of this class will be "The Solidarity Economy." This will encompass critiques of our current economic system and practical solutions to the economic problems we face. The class will include selected readings, group discussions, videos, guest speakers, and plans for action! Co-taught by Jordan Bantuelle, John Clark (Loyola Professor of Libertarian Philosophy), and Ana Esteves (Tulane Professor of Sociology and Solidarity Economics). Contact: Jordan (jbantuelle@gmail.com).

Men and Feminism

Thursday 7/5 & 7/12 at 7:00pm

Fair Grinds Coffee House @ 3133 Ponce de Leon

What is feminism? Why should men care about it? This weekly discussion group seeks to explore these questions while providing a space in which male-identified folks can support each other in making feminist interventions in their own lives. No background knowledge is required. Topics for discussion include socialization, gender roles, patriarchy, male privilege, domestic violence, sexual assault, how to be an ally, etc. The specific syllabus is decided by the group members themselves. While this group aims to provide a space for men to talk openly about feminist issues, all are welcome to join in the conversation. Article, topic, or film suggestions are always welcome. For more information, please contact nolafeministallies@gmail.com or visit <http://nolafeministallies.wordpress.com>

American Sign Language **Sundays from 11am-12pm**

Il Posto Cafe @ 4607 Dryades St

Learn the basics of American Sign Language! We will begin with the ABC's and numbers, and move on with vocabulary in different categories, such as greetings, questions, colors, people, occupations, and more. Shanna has taught ASL for years, and will follow her regular class format. Expect lots of

fun games! Please contact teacher beforehand to RSVP.
Contact Shanna: ireadlips1218@gmail.com.

Zen Meditation Instruction **Sundays at 8:45 am**

Mid-City Zen @ 3156 Toulouse

Every Sunday morning Mid City Zen will offer zazen (sitting meditation) instruction before it's usual morning meditation program. Using the touchstones of upright posture and breath awareness, we will acquaint ourselves with the movement of our own minds. Please wear loose comfortable clothing. Contact: midcityzennola@gmail.com

Ladies Night **Sundays from 4-6pm**

Dupre St in Mid-City; contact teacher for location

Ladies' Night is a gender exclusive space created to allow lady-like members of the New Orleans radical community to meet, greet, and grow. Anyone who feels like a lady is welcome to come and go as they please. All activities are free unless noted. NO BOYS ALLOWED, BYOB, POTLUCK, & KID-FRIENDLY. For the current Ladies' Night session, we will be hosting a film series! This session will be very similar to the last series, but with some improvements. We will distribute our schedule way ahead of time, so folks will be able to make arrangements to get to the flicks they really want to see. Contact: Ladies Night (954-294-7377) or ladiesnight@noboyfriends.org

Want to join the NOFSN team? Join us Thursdays at 6:30 pm at Flora's 2600 Royal St for our Organizers' Meetings!

Want to teach a class? Contact us at nolafreeschoolnetwork.blogspot.com or (504) 484-9814.

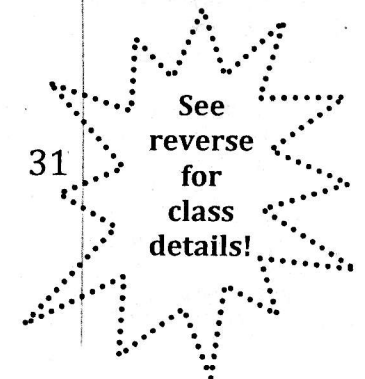
Get your proposal to us by the 15th to be on the next calendar!

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AUGUST 2012

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:45am Zen Med.		1 pm Art of Adult Ropes	1	6:30 pm NOFSN Organizers' Meeting	2	3
11 am American Sign Language					To find out about even more	4
5	6	7	8	9	FREE and ALMOST-FREE	10
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12	13	14	15	16	nola free school network.blogspot.com!	18
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11 am American Sign Language						
2pm NOFSN Punk Rock Takeover						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8:45am Zen Med.		1 pm Art of Adult Ropes	6 pm Freedom to Build	6:30 pm NOFSN Organizers' Meeting		
11 am American Sign Language			7 pm Solidarity Economy			



THE NEW ORLEANS FREE SCHOOL NETWORK

SEPTEMBER 2012 CLASSES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Rope Bite (formerly the Art of Adult Ropes)

Tuesdays from 1-4pm (Monday the 10th at 7pm)
Marigny area, contact teacher for specific location
From the ancient Japanese art of Shibari to the present and diverse world today, we will be exploring how we can use rope for love, lust, and a show, the bondage, the power exchange, the art, and the flow. The first 30 minutes of every group session is for new students to learn the basics, as well as for returning students to warm up and review. The class will include field trips to allow for extra learning and real-life exploration. NOLA has some great spots for gorilla/flash tying; let's find them. As it gets warmer, we'll pick a picnic rope day in the park. Practice rope is available, but it is recommended that you bring your own. Come to class to learn about the different types of rope and how to select them. Contact: Tyrus @ 816-210-4077.

SCIENTS!

Tuesdays at 7pm
Tree House @ St. Claude Ave & Press St.
We will discuss a variety of scientific topics, with a different topic each week. If you are interested in hosting a class, please submit a "lesson plan" by e-mail or in person. Contact Ashley:
a.h.blum@gmail.com

Freedom to Build

Wednesdays from 6-8pm
Sycamore House @ 3111 Palmyra (@ Lopez)
A reading/discussion/research group analyzing the power dynamics within the built environment, focusing on the creation, control, and usage of spaces through the past and present. An informal architectural history of sorts, concerned with case studies and theory of alternative approaches to shaping spaces people use. Topics may include, but are not limited to: housing policy, the vernacular, abandonment, the "green" movement, industrialized building methods, construction techniques, reconstruction scenarios, public spaces, population shifts/urban renewal, land trusts, professional critiques, troglodytes, and real-world application of ideas. This will be fairly free form, so if you have topics, readings, or films to suggest,

feel free to email. You are not required to contact teacher beforehand, but it is recommended. Readings for upcoming classes are posted at
freedomtobuild.blogspot.com. Contact Jackson:
jackson.blalock@gmail.com

Zizek Discussion Group

Wednesdays from 7:30-9:30pm
Loyola University Library, Seminar Room 4 @ 6363 St. Charles Ave
We will discuss Slavoj Zizek's book "Less Than Nothing: Hegel and the Shadow of Dialectical Materialism" over ten weeks of sessions. The book is about 1000 pages long, so we will discuss 100 pages each week. You must provide your own copy of the book. Contact John: clark@loyno.edu

Human Trafficking 101

Thursday 9/13 at 5:00pm --
Community Book Center @ 2523 Bayou Road
Thursday 9/20 at 6:00pm -- NOPL Keller Branch/Community Center @ 4300 S. Broad
What is human trafficking? Also described as human exploitation and modern-day slavery, it is currently the world's 2nd most profitable crime and its victims often go unnoticed. In this class, a caseworker and outreach professional for victims of human trafficking will speak to the community members about what defines human trafficking, what forms it takes in the Greater New Orleans area, in the United States, and on global levels. The presenter will then lead a discussion on how we as a community can join the fight against it. Contact Lindsey:
lboettinger@ccano.org

Intro to Harm Reduction

Friday 9/14, 9/21, & 9/28 from 2:30-4:30pm
LGBT Community Center @ 2114 Decatur St
Harm Reduction is a perspective and a set of practical approaches to reduce the negative consequences of drug use, incorporating a spectrum of strategies from safer use to abstinence. In this course, we will demonstrate some of the principles of Harm Reduction. Drop-ins welcome. Contact: Nora & Michelle (nolaharmreduction@gmail.com) or call (504)535-4766

Zen Meditation Instruction

Sundays at 8:45 am
Mid-City Zen @ 3156 Toulouse
Every Sunday morning Mid City Zen will offer zazen (sitting meditation) instruction before its usual morning

meditation program. Using the touchstones of upright posture and breath awareness, we will acquaint ourselves with the movement of our own minds. Please wear loose comfortable clothing. Contact: midcityzennola@gmail.com

Punkrock Takeover

Sundays from 2-6pm
The Big Top @ 1638 Cléo St
PUNKROCK TAKEOVER produces a weekly showcase of diverse local bands from all around the Greater New Orleans area--as well as the occasional national or international act--in order to generate a cross pollination of musicians and fans to help foster a more diverse and balanced music scene. All of our shows will include bands of varying age groups and talent, bands from different subcultural and geographical communities. All of the proceeds from these shows will be funneled into local nonprofit organizations, and the shows will also include speakers, workshops, and skillshares from those organizations whenever possible. One of our main goals with these events is to educate and network people in a variety of ways, so they can take those skills and create their own events or help where needed. Here's what we can teach you: stage-managing, money-taking, sound-running, food-cooking and -serving, flyer-ing/promoting. Just show up if you would like to learn/help, or you can contact Bryan at flyerstorm@yahoo.com beforehand.

Ladies' Night

Sundays at 1:00pm
Fair Grinds (upstairs) @ 3133 Ponce de Leon
Ladies Night is back and closing in on a new series! Starting August 12, we'll be book clubbing bell hooks' "All About Love: New Visions". On that Sunday, we'll pass out books and come up with a readings schedule which folks will be able to find at noboyfriends.org/ladiesnight504. We are a BYOB, kid-friendly, no-boys-allowed potluck & radical feminist discussion group. For questions or to get on our mailing list, folks can email us at ladiesnight@noboyfriends.org.

Want to get involved with the New Orleans Free School Network?

Come to our weekly organizers' meeting at Flora's @ 2600 Royal St. or contact us by phone (484-9418) or email (nolafreeschoolnetwork@gmail.com) !